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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Laguna Woods - Suspect in Deadly Taiwanese Church Shooting Charged with Hate Crime

(U) The man who allegedly killed one person and injured five others at a Taiwanese Presbyterian church in California on 15 May has been charged with hate crime enhancements, prosecutors announced Friday. David Wenwei Chou, 68, had already been charged with murder, attempted murder and other felony counts in connection to last month's shooting. This week, Orange County prosecutors added a hate crimes enhancement to the murder charge because they believe Chou's slaying of John Cheng was motivated by race, color, religion, nationality or country of origin.

SOURCE: 19 June 2022, Fox News

(U) Modesto – Police Arrest Suspect for Firearm and Ammunition Theft

(U) The Modesto Police Department arrested a person who stole multiple firearms and hundreds-ofrounds of ammunition early Sunday morning. According to police officials, officers responded to a call of a break-in at 4:34 a.m. that led them to Turner's Outdoorsman. Police arrived and spotted a vehicle leaving the area. A traffic stop was initiated, and the suspect's vehicle collided with two patrol cars. Officers recovered several guns and hundreds-of-rounds of ammunition belonging to Turner's Outdoorsman. The suspect was booked into jail on multiple charges.

SOURCE: 20 June 2022, KTXL

(U) Orcutt – Two Arrested for Illegal Sale of Narcotics, Weapons Charges

(U) The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office Cannabis Compliance Team concluded an investigation into a suspect accused of selling marijuana illegally in Orcutt and the surrounding area. Suspect Nathan Mediano, 20, was arrested on Thursday at his Santa Maria home along with his brother, Salvador Mediano, 33. During a search of Mediano's residence, sheriff's officials say detectives located more than two-ounces of cocaine, 2,000 M30 pills which frequently contain fentanyl, \$5,000 in cash and a short barreled, illegally possessed assault weapon with high-capacity magazines and ammunition. SOURCE: 17 June 2022, KSBY

(U) Sacramento – California Pair Charged with Smuggling Drugs to Five States

(U) A northern California pair not only smuggled drugs to five other states but repeatedly impersonated federal law enforcement officers as part of the nationwide scheme, a US grand jury alleged this week. A federal grand jury in Sacramento on Thursday indicted Quinten Giovanni Moody, also known as Christano Rossi, 37, and Myra Boleche Minks, 46, on charges of drug trafficking, impersonating federal law enforcement officials, mail fraud, aggravated identity theft, and obstruction of justice. SOURCE: 17 June 2022, ABC News

(U) San Francisco – Three Travelers Attacked at San Francisco Airport with Edged Weapon

(U) Three people were injured Friday night at San Francisco International Airport (SFO) after being attacked by a man wielding an edged weapon. A suspect was arrested following the attack, police say.

At around 6 p.m., the man drove a vehicle to SFO and entered the pre-security area of the International Terminal, which is accessible to the public. He then walked through the departure terminal and took out the weapon, police say. The man then assaulted three passing travelers with the blade. All three of the injured passengers were treated for minor cuts and scrapes before continuing on their journeys. SOURCE: 18 June 2022, KTLA

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - One Dead, Three Others Injured in Shooting Incident at Juneteenth Event

(U) Washington – A juvenile has died and three others, including a police officer, are recovering from injuries after they came under fire during an event celebrating Juneteenth in Washington, DC. Officers with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia responded to the area of 14th and U streets Northwest after shots were fired. Police have not provided further details about the incident. SOURCE: 19 June 2022, AP

(U) Florida – US Coast Guard Offloads \$99 Million Worth of Narcotics in Miami Beach

(U) Miami Beach – The US Coast Guard offloaded more than \$99 million worth of illegal narcotics in Miami Beach on Friday. Several crews were able to stop drug traffickers in the Caribbean Sea. The traffickers were first detected by several personnel based in Key West. More than 5,000-pounds of cocaine was found among the illegal packages.

SOURCE: 17 June 2022, WSVN

SOURCE: 20 June 2022, <u>ABC7</u>

(U) New York – Shooting Leaves One Dead, Eight Wounded

(U) Harlem – Nine people were shot, one of them fatally during a shooting incident in Harlem. Seven men and two women were struck just after 12:35 a.m. Victims were found on an overpass over the Harlem River Drive and in a nearby park. Four people were initially found shot at the scene; others subsequently arrived at Harlem Hospital. One of the men, a 21-year-old unidentified man, was pronounced dead at Lincoln Hospital. Other victims were being treated at area hospitals. No arrests were immediately made, and it was unclear what prompted the shooting.

(U) Oregon – Man Faces Prison for Threatening Mass Shooting at Elementary School

(U) Tigard – A federal grand jury indicted a Tigard man Friday with threatening a mass shooting at a local elementary school. According to a statement from the US District Attorney's Office, Brandon Richard Riess, 26, was charged with transmitting a threat in interstate commerce. Court documents stated, on 15 May Riess sent several electronic messages threatening a mass shooting at a Portland area elementary school. The following day on 16 May, law enforcement officers arrested Riess at his apartment in Tigard. According to authorities, before his arrest, Riess admitted to sending the threatening messages and owning a pistol that was taken away several years earlier by his parents. SOURCE: 17 June 2022, FOX 12

(U) Virginia - Mall Shooting Suspect Identified as DC Man, Altercation Between Rival Gangs

(U) Tysons Corner – Fairfax County police are seeking a Washington, DC, man in connection with Saturday's shooting at the Tysons Corner Center mall. A law enforcement source said that the 22-year-old man, a District resident, is sought on charges of attempted malicious wounding, discharging a weapon into an occupied building, and use of a firearm in commission of a felony. Surveillance footage reviewed by police shows a man, believed to be the suspect, brandishing a firearm within the mall

around the time of the shooting. Police allege the suspect was among those involved in an altercation between two rival gangs, during which he displayed a firearm and fired multiple rounds. SOURCE: 19 June 2022, WTOP

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – ISIS Claims Responsibility for Attack on Sikh Temple

(U) Kabul – The Afghani affiliate of the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) has claimed responsibility for an attack on a Sikh temple in Afghanistan's capital Kabul that killed at least two people and injured seven. The attack on Saturday was "an act of revenge" following insults made by members of India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party about the Prophet Mohammed, ISIS-Khorasan said on its Telegram channel. Nupur Sharma, a spokesperson for the party, had made derogatory remarks regarding the Prophet Mohammed during a panel discussion on a news channel and her comments were allegedly followed by anti-Islam comments by another party leader on Twitter.

SOURCE: 19 June 2022, CNN

(U) Ethiopia – Witnesses Say More than 200 Killed in Ethnic Attack by Rebel Group

(U) Oromia – Witnesses in Ethiopia said Sunday that more than 200 people, mostly ethnic Amhara, have been killed in an attack in the country's Oromia region and are blaming a rebel group, which denies it. It is one of the deadliest such attacks in recent memory as ethnic tensions continue in Africa's second most populous country. Witnesses blamed the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) for the attacks. In a statement, the Oromia regional government also blamed the OLA, saying the rebels attacked "after being unable to resist the operations launched by (federal) security forces." SOURCE: 18 June 2022, AP

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(U) Libya – Senior ISIS Leader Surrenders to Libyan Army

(U) Tripoli – A high-ranking ISIS leader surrendered to the Libyan army, according to an informed source, media reported Saturday. The ISIS leader was on the wanted list since 2016 following an operation to liberate the coastal city of Sirte from the extremist group. The man was reportedly responsible for the safety of ISIS's top officials in addition to securing supplies for the organization.

SOURCE: 19 June 2022, Libyan Express

(U) Mali – At Least 20 Civilians, UN Peacekeeper Dead Following Suspected Jihadist Attacks

(U) Ebak – Gunmen in Mali killed at least 20 civilians in attacks on villages near the northern town of Gao over the weekend, while a landmine killed a UN peacekeeper further north in Kidal, media reported Monday. "Criminal terrorists" on Saturday killed at least 20 civilians in several hamlets in the Anchawadj commune, a few dozen kilometers north of Gao, said a senior police officer. A local official blamed the attacks on jihadists and put the death toll at 24.

SOURCE: 20 June 2022, AFP

(U) Nigeria – Suspected ISIS Militants Kill 10 People in Borno State

(U) Borno State – Militants suspected to be linked to ISIS killed 10 people on Saturday in Borno State, media reported Sunday. The 10 victims, nine men and a woman, were scavenging for metal scrap from vehicles burnt in military operations in Goni Kurmi village, near the town of Bama, when they were reportedly attacked. The Nigerian army has not yet commented on the attack.

SOURCE: 18 June 2022, AFP

(U) Nigeria – Two Churches Attacked, Worshippers Killed and Abducted

(U) Kajuru – Gunmen attacked two churches in rural northwestern Nigeria on Sunday, killing three people, witnesses and a state official said, weeks after a similar attack in the West African nation left 40 worshippers dead. The attack in Kajuru area of Kaduna State targeted four villages, resulting in the abduction of unspecified number of residents and the destruction of houses before the assailants managed to escape, locals said. It wasn't immediately clear who was behind the attack on the Kaduna churches.

SOURCE: 18 June 2022, AP

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